(*d*) what are the steps taken by the Government so far;

(*e*) do the Government propose to do anything effective to prevent the sea erosion in Cranganur this year itself;

(*f*) have the Government any idea of the number of acres spoiled by sea ersion in Cranganur this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chef Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Articles regarding this in the "DEENABANDHU", dated 15th June 1946 and "DEEPAM", dated 19th June 1946 were noticed.

(*c*) A copy of the representation received from the Public of Cranganur is appended. (*Appendix III*).

(*d*) The question of putting up groynes was investigated. The proposal to put up a groyne at Azhicode by Mr. Manapat Knnjumohamad Hajee on experimental basis has been sanctioned by Government. The question of finding funds for the construction of groynes along the whole coast line is engaging the attention of Government.

(*e*) In addition to the groyne work sanctioned under (d) estimates are being prepared to put up groynes to protect the entire coast line. The work may have to be spread over a few years.

(*f*) Yes. The total area spoiled by sea erosion in Cranganur is about 12·72 acres.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, whether the Hon'ble Revenue Member has any idea of the land revenue paid by the land holders whose lands have been taken away by sea erosion?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Without notice, I cannot give that information.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, whether any representation has been received previously from the people of Cranganur to construct groynes there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): There have been complaints about sea erosion in previous years.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, who collected the figures about the lands affected by sea erosion there?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): My department collected it.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): With reference to answer (*d*) may I know whether the individual mentioned therein agreed to undertake the work only on the refusal of the Government to put up groynes there in spite of various requests?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): This gentleman, Mr. Manapat Kunjumohamed Hajee represented to Government that he is prepared to put up one groyne on an experimental basis in Azhikode to protect his lands, and Government have sanctioned his request. And Government are at the same time considering the question of finding funds for the protection of the entire coastal areas.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): Was not his request to allow him to put up the groyne at his cost, if only the Government is not going to do it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): That was not his request.

VILLAGE ROADS—CONSTRUCTION OF

440. **Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many new village roads inter-connecting the villages have been constructed this year;

(*b*) which are those roads and what villages are inter-connected;

(*c*) whether there were not petitions and requests to connect Chemmanthatta Village with ചൂണ്ടൽ of Choondal Village in Talappalli Taluk by a short road of few furlong along the fields lying between those two villages;

(*d*) why was this request not attended to so long?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) One village road inter-connecting two villages has been opened.

(*b*) Kottol road in Kadavallur Panchayat inter-connecting Karikkad and Palanji villages.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*c*) above.

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